



Farmers Markets Economic Impact

I was recently discussing the economic impact of our market with a regular shopper and it got me to wondering about South Carolina and the preponderance of Farmers Markets. According to a recent study, South Carolina farmers markets generated between 267 and 351 full-time jobs and up to \$13 million in revenue annually. I don't have any employment numbers for the Sandhill Farmers Market, however conservative estimates have sales over the last two years exceeding \$185,000.00 per year.

Here are a few national farmers markets statistics for you.

- Growers selling locally create 13 full time jobs per \$1 million in revenue earned. Those that do not sell locally create 3.
- The USDA estimates that local food sales from farmers markets, food hubs, CSAs, farm stands and farm to schools programs have grown from about \$5 billion in 2008 to \$11.7 billion in 2014.
- A 2010 study by USDA's Economic Research Service compared producers selling salad mix, blueberries, milk, beef, and apples locally with producers of the same products selling to mainstream supply "In all five cases, nearly all of the wage and proprietor income earned in the local market chains is retained in the local economy."
- Farms selling local food through direct-to-consumer marketing channels were more likely to remain in business over 2007-12 than all farms not using direct-to-consumer marketing channels, according to US Census of Agriculture data. [click here for more](#)

October Schedule

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Clemson Bleu Cheese is Here!

The first Clemson University Blue Cheese was cured in Stumphouse Mountain Tunnel in 1941. Since then, the homemade gourmet item has worked its way into the hearts and stomachs of an ever-growing number of aficionados. The history and folklore surrounding this scenic spot in the Blue Ridge Mountains is legendary in the Piedmont area of South Carolina. The name Stumphouse originated from the Native American Legend of Isaquena.

[Clemson Blue Cheese](#) is an artisan cheese, made the old fashioned way. Each 288-gallon vat makes a batch of about 240 lbs, which is then salted, waxed and aged for 6 months. When it is ready, each hoop is scraped and packaged by hand. Each lot is kept separate, and strenuous record keeping assures quality at every step.

The Sandhill Farmers Market is proud to have Clemson Bleu Cheese available at Old McCaskill's Farm each Tuesday. Stop by and purchase one product that Tigers and Gamecocks both enjoy!

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More New Vendors

We are fortunate in that new vendors have been applying each week. Our misfortune of late is that the weather has been uncooperative. Many of our recently approved entrepreneurs are artisans and crafters. Here are a few to look for over the next several weeks.

Palletdepo - Unique and custom artwork

The Creative Cat - High Hills Honey, bags, headbands

Carolina Soaps Work - Goat milk based soaps

BO-HO Sam Boutique - Hand made jewelry, artwork

BeeLee Bags - Handmade tote bags

Shortcake, LLC - Baked goods

Support Your Local Farmers Markets

While we hope to see you every Tuesday afternoon during the season there are other Farmers Markets in the area which need your support. You will find many of our vendors at these fine markets as well.

Wednesday: [Blythewood Market](#)

Thursday: [Lake Carolina](#)

Saturday: [Kershaw Market](#)

Saturday: [Soda City Market](#)

September 29th Market Photos



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

Gardening Tips

Cabbage, Broccoli & Other Cole Crop Insect Pests

To begin with, “Cole” is not a typo where we meant to put cold. Cole crops, at a basic level, are plants that belong to the mustard (Brassica) family and are all descendants of wild cabbage. As a group, these plants grow better in cool weather. This leads many people to think that the word “cole” is a variation of the word “cold” and they may even refer to these plants as cold crops. Actually, the word “cole” is a variation of a Latin word that means stem.

Two primary species of aphids (plant lice) attack cole crops: the cabbage aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) and the turnip aphid (*Lipaphis erysimi*). Because they are similar in life habits and response to treatments, they will be considered together. Plants in all stages of growth are frequently covered with dense clusters of whitish-green plant lice. Each is about the size of a pinhead. They suck plant sap from the leaf. The affected leaves curl and crinkle or form cups, completely lined with the aphids. In severe infestations, the plants wilt and die. The plants, if not killed, are dwarfed, grow slowly and form small light heads. Badly infested plants become covered with a mass of the small soggy aphids, and the dying leaves and plants rapidly decay.

Read the rest of the article by [clicking here](#).

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Tailgating Time

Tailgating Desserts

From our friends at the [Food Network](#) comes this issue's offering for those tasty desserts to cap off that sweet victory or perhaps a sugar free offering for simply a moral victory. The article features recipes for first down and ten brownies, field goal fudge and touchdown cupcakes.

Give them a look and see how you might enhance your next tailgating occasion.

[Click here to view the article and recipes.](#)

[Clemson Tigers Schedule](#)

[SC Gamecocks Schedule](#)

[SC State Bulldogs Schedule](#)

[Citadel Bulldogs Schedule](#)

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[PC Blue Hose Schedule](#)



See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!

Our Market Supporters: [AgSouth Farm Credit](#), [Columbia NE Kiwanis](#), [Spring Valley Rotary Club](#),

Listing of 2015 Farmers Market Vendors

The Sandhill Farmers Market is fortunate to have the participation of so many quality vendors. Their selections run the gamut from fresh produce, fruits, seafood, wood crafts, fabric crafts, baked good, plants, shrubbery, natural personal care products, prepared foods and more. Some vendors are with us for the entire 30 week season, some for half of the season and others on a week to week basis. Following you will find a listing of the hard working entrepreneurs waiting to greet you. All of those in ***bold italics*** have links built in. Please note that not all vendors are able to participate in every market.

Name
<i><u>Asya's Organic Farms</u></i>
Isom's Delights
<i><u>The Peanut Man</u></i>
<i><u>The Crescent Olive</u></i>
<i><u>Mercer House Estate Winery</u></i>
Junior Chefs
AAA Greenthumb
Martin Farms Produce
<i><u>Erbe</u></i>
Paparazzi Jewelry
<i><u>The Belgian Waffle Truck</u></i>
Bee My Honey
<i><u>Chill Out Pops</u></i>
Lexington Shades of Green
Penny's Quilts and Gifts
<i><u>Lane Specialty Gardens</u></i>
<i><u>Sunny Cedars Farm</u></i>
CSD Enterprises
The Veggie Patch
It's My Sister's Fault
<i><u>January Remington</u></i>

Name
<i><u>Southern Sky Yoga</u></i>
<i><u>Leesville Aquaponics</u></i>
<i><u>Trail Ridge Farm and Dairy</u></i>
Ms. Zessie's Specialties
<i><u>Jamerry Nails</u></i>
<i><u>Palmetto Polar Snow</u></i>
<i><u>Doswell Farm</u></i>
<i><u>Chi Design</u></i>
<i><u>Livingston Farms</u></i>
Ashley's
<i><u>Old McCaskill's Farm</u></i>
The Bird Man
<i><u>Nanna's Naturals</u></i>
Conyer's Farms of Kingstree
<i><u>Company of OHS</u></i>
<i><u>The Shrimp Guy</u></i>
<i><u>Boutique Poulet</u></i>
Bradham Farms
<i><u>Palletdepo</u></i>
<i><u>The Creative Cat</u></i>
Cakes and More by Angela



<i><u>Congaree Milling</u></i>	<i><u>McCurley Farms</u></i>
Shortcake, LLC	<i><u>Penny's Naturals</u></i>

Each week we talk with perspective vendors interested in participating at the Sandhill Farmers Market. If you would like to become a vendor please visit our [market page](#) and view the vendor information along with the vendor application found in the right hand navigation pane.

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